**STATEMENT**

*Release of LPG connections under Tatkal Scheme an on 31.3.1996.*

| S.No. | State/UTs | No. of Connections released |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 2991 |
| 2. | Assam | 6 |
| 3. | Bihar | 63 |
| 4. | Goa | 312 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 6700 |
| 6. | Haryana | 154 |
| 7. | Karnataka | 2000 |
| 8. | Kerala | 15940 |
| 9. | Madhya Pradesh | 2866 |
| 10. | Maharashtra | 8949 |
| 11. | Orissa | 7 |
| 12. | Punjab | 1813 |
| 13. | Rajasthan | 3176 |
| 14. | Tamilnadu | 7820 |
| 15. | Uttar Pradesh | 192 |
| 16. | West Bengal | 3057 |
| **Union Territories** | | |
| 1. | Chandigarh | 82 |
| 2. | Dadra and Nagar Haveli | 1 |
| 3. | Daman and Diu | 2 |
| 4. | Delhi | 460 |
| 5. | Pondicherry | 180 |
| | Total | 56771 |

**Animal Husbandry**

2369. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had provided/allocated funds to the Government of Bihar under integrated rural development programme for promotion of animal husbandry;

(b) if so, the allocation made during the last three years;

(c) the proper utilisation of these funds is monitored by the Government;

(d) whether the Government had received any complaints about the mismanagement and misappropriation of funds in the Animal Husbandry Department of Bihar;

(e) if so, whether the Government instituted any investigation; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) IRDP is a beneficiary oriented programme with the objective to enable selected families in rural areas to cross poverty line. The programme aims at provding productive assets and inputs to the target group. The assets which could be in primary, secondary and tertiary sector are provided through financial assistance in the form of subsidy by the Government and term credit advanced by financial institutions. Thus, the programme coveres a large no. of activities including those in the Animal Husbandry & Dairying Sector. The funds under IRDP are released to DRDAs directly, not to the State Government or any particular Department. Further, no separate allocation of funds is provided for promotion of Animal Husbandry under IRDP.

(b) to (f) Question does not arise in veiw of facts stated above.

*[Translation]*

**Rural Development Schemes in Delhi**

2370. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGRAWAL : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number or districts in National Capital Territory of Delhi included under the Rozgar Guarantee Yojana, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, Indira Awas Yojana, Intergrated Rural Development Programme and various such other schemes sponsored by the Union Government;

(b) the details of the allocated and actually utilised funds for implementation of these shcemes and achievements in the matter of creating assets;

(c) the number of employment opportunities generated by it and benefits accured so far and

(d) the number of proposals lying pending as on date and the reasons for their rejection/keeping them pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (d). Jawahar Raozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) , Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) are the major employment programes being implemented by the Centre in various States except National Capital Territory of Delhi. However, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Rural Sanitation Programme (RSP) and the scheme of Computerization of Land Records are being implemented in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Although Rs.29 lakhs and Rs.5 lakhs were allocated under ARWSP and RSP respectively during 1995-96 but the amount allocated was not released as there was not demand from the State

Government under the scheme of computerisation of Land Records, there was no allocation of funds during 1995-96. ARWSP, RSP and the scheme of computerisation of Land Records are not employment generation schemes. No proposal is pending for any of the schemes.

**Use of Hindi in UPSC Examinations**

2371. SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which relaxation to gives answer in Hindi is likely to be given in regard to two question papers in the limited Departmental competition examinations being organised by UPSC for promotion to the post of Section Officer from Assistant; and

(b) the rationale behind continuing English as a medium for the above examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). The option to answer three out of five question papers in the departmental examination either in Hindi or in English is already available. It has been further decided in consultation with the concerned Ministries and UPSC to allow all the candidates, except those of the Ministry of external affairs, the option to answer one more paper, namely, Nothing, Drafting and Precis writing, either in English or in Hindi. It has not been found feasible to allow the option to the candidates of Ministry of External Affairs because half of the total number of post of Section Officers of the Ministry of External Affairs are located in Missions abroad and ability to communicate in English is an important pre-requisite for them. As far the remaining paper on General Financial and Service Rules, it has not been found feasible to give the option to answer it in Hindi as some of the related reference books are not available in Hindi.

*[English]*

**LPG Agency**

2372. SHRI DILEEPBHAI SANGHANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any ceiling for supply of LPG by the distributor agency;

(b) whether LPG againcies are working and making supply of LPG more than the allotted number of consumers in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to open more outlets in order to ease the situation and to avoid malpractices by the agencies; and

(e) if so, the details of programme chalked out in this regard in the Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The present Refill sale ceiling for LPG distributors in different cities/towns is as given below:

| Towns/cities with population (based on 1991 census) | Revised Ceiling Per month |
|---|---|
| 1. Bombay | 10,000 |
| 2. Delhi | 9,000 |
| 3. Madras/Calcutta and towns having population of over 40 lakhs. | 8,000 |
| 4. Towns with 20 to 40 lacs | 7,000 |
| 5. Towns with 10 to 20 lacs | 6,000 |
| 6. Towns upto 10 lakhs | 5,000 |

(b) to (c). There are a few distributors who are operating above the ceiling limit fixed for different markets. Such markets ae restructured and efforts are made to set up more LPG distributorships in these markets subject to availability of product. Government hs approved LPG Marketing Plan 1994-95 containing 1191 LPG distributorships all over the country, including 64 distributorship proposals for Gujarat.

**Growth Rate**

2373. SHRI SANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had fixed the growth target for industrial and agricultural sector in the country particularly in the State of Gujarat for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) if so, the achievements made in this regard;

(c) the target fixed for growth rate for industrial and agricultural sector in the year 1996-97; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d). The Targets of sectoral growth rates consistent with the output targets for the economy are fixed by the Planning Commssion for the country as a whole and as an average for the five year period of the Plan and not State-wise or year-wise. The projected growth rates for the Eighth Plan period (1992-97) for Agriculture sector, measured in terms of the gross value added is 3.1 per cent per annum. The same for "Industry" sector comprising (i) Mining and Quarrying, (ii) Manufacturing (iii) Electricity, Gas and Water Supply, and